

Iron County Register.

By E. D. AKE

IRONTON, MISSOURI

Ewen Davis, aged 90, first cousin of Jefferson Davis, president of the confederacy, is dead at Kewanee, Ill.

Russell Sage, the financier, was 83 years of age, on the 4th, and observed the anniversary by attending to business as usual.

It was rumored on the London Stock exchange, on the 3d, that Japanese discovered \$25,000,000 in an abandoned Russian camp.

It is reported in well-informed circles that M. Muraviev, the Russian minister of justice, will succeed M. Von Plehve, late minister of the interior.

The populist national committee has decided to have the formal notification of their party candidates for president and vice-president at Cooper Union, New York city, August 18.

After a visit of five days at the World's fair, the Roosevelt boys, Theodore, Jr., and Kermit, and their cousins, Philip Roosevelt and Alexander Russell, returned to Washington on the 4th.

Reports from the northwest show that the wheat crops of Oregon and Washington are slightly under the early estimates. Oregon will have 13,000,000 bushels and Washington 25,000,000.

Reports in circulation that Senator George F. Hoar was seriously ill are denied at the senator's residence in Worcester, Mass. He has been troubled with lumbago all summer, but is not confined to his room.

Freiherr Speck von Sternberg, German ambassador to Washington, has accepted the presidency of the national advisory board of the American Institute of Germanics of Northwestern university at Chicago.

Detectives have obtained evidence that the railroads terminating in St. Louis have been defrauded of about \$200,000 since the opening of the World's fair by collusion of railway conductors and scoundrels.

By order of Gov. Mickey of Nebraska, the South Omaha cavalry troop of the state militia has been mustered out. The membership of the troop was composed largely of stock yards and packing house employees.

Henry W. Good, director general of the Lewis and Clark exposition, has been elected president, to succeed H. W. Scott. Mr. Scott was compelled to resign from the presidency on account of the pressure of private business.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Geneva says that Miss Ruth Hoar, one of the richest and most beautiful girls in Switzerland, will shortly be married to Gladstone Dowie, the un-
kissed son of "Elijah III," the founder of Zion City.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick continues to remain in the strictest seclusion in her mother's home at Rouen, France. Neither she nor the Baroness de Roques, her mother, have gone farther than the garden since Mrs. Maybrick's arrival.

Lady Tweedmouth (Lady Fanny O. L. Spencer-Churchill), 49 years old, political hostess of the liberal party, and a sister of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, died in London on the 5th. She was the daughter of the seventh duke of Marlborough.

Woodbridge N. Ferris, of Big Rapids, was, on the 3d, nominated for governor of Michigan by the democratic state convention over Justus S. Stearns, of Ludington, who announced that he had bolted the republican party, national and state.

Effigies of Gov. Jennings of Florida and of Isaiah Cooper were hanged and shot to pieces, on the 5th, because certain persons resented the action of the governor in staying the execution of Cooper, who had been convicted of murdering Marshal Bowman of Punta Gorda.

The officials of the Illinois Central railroad have decided to increase the reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the bandits who held up the Diamond special, on the 1st, near Matteson, Ill., to \$4,000, a reward of \$1,000 being placed on the head of each of the robbers.

The post office department has issued a general order directing that every railway postal clerk shall give a \$1,000 bond to the United States for the faithful discharge of all duties and the rules and regulations of the department.

Dr. Bush, a well-known archaeologist, has returned to El Paso, Tex., from a trip 700 miles into the interior of northern Mexico, in the Sierra Madre mountains, and says he discovered a race of people that prove to his satisfaction the perpetuation of the race of cliff dwellers.

Gov. J. K. Vandamm of Mississippi, in a statement issued on the 3d, denied that he had ever reflected upon the good name of President Roosevelt's mother through the columns of his paper, as was charged, and which caused Postmaster-General Payne to refuse to name a post office after her governor.

The body of F. Kent Loomis, who is supposed to have lost his life from the steamer Kaiser William II. off the English coast on June 19, arrived at New York on the American line steamer St. Paul, from Southampton on the 3d. Francis E. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, a brother, shipped the body to Parkersburg, W. Va., for burial.

Bishop Henry C. Potter delivered the principal address, on the 2d, at the formal opening of "The Subway Tavern," a model saloon which was established by a number of leaders in the reform movement in New York. The purpose of the promoters of the enterprise is to serve pure liquor and food at low prices under the best possible moral conditions.

AUGUST...1904						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
L.O. 4th. N.M. 11th. F.O. 17th. F.M. 25th.						

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

It is believed that the bandits who held up the Illinois Central Diamond special, near Matteson, Ill., were former railroad men who had been black-listed. The leader was heard to drop several remarks that would lead to this conclusion.

The event of the packing house strike, in Chicago, on the 3d, was a riot, in which a mob of fully 3,000 persons battled with 70 policemen to prevent the officers taking a party of strike breakers out of the stock yards district. Several on both sides were severely hurt.

Charles W. Fairbanks, surrounded by several thousand friends, neighbors and political supporters, was on the 3d, formally notified of his nomination for vice-president of the United States by the republican national convention.

Monsignor Falconio, apostolic delegate to the United States, was a passenger on the steamer Sardegna, which arrived at New York, on the 3d, from Genoa and Naples.

The French foreign office denies the report circulated in the United States of a rupture of relations between France and Venezuela.

The Rock Island Railroad Co. and the United States Express Co. have offered a reward of \$2,000 for the capture of robbers who held up the Rock Island train near Tucumcari, Tex., on July 30.

Ray Brom, who is said to have killed Richard Roberts, brakeman, in Decatur, Ill., April 21, and who escaped and was caught at St. Joseph, Mo., and broke jail there, has been captured again at Seattle, Wash.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business July 31, 1904, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$980,781,413, which is an increase for the month of \$13,549,630.

Brakeman Vaer was killed, Conductor Martin was probably fatally injured, and several passengers were hurt by the derailing of a passenger coach on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad at Royersville, near Ironton, O., on the 4th.

Alton B. Parker ceased to be chief judge of the court of appeals of New York, on the 5th, by handing in his resignation after a two minute session of court, in which he and five associate judges disposed of 66 cases remaining on the calendar.

A telegram from Digby, N. S., says that a sailboat containing eight or ten American tourists capsized and sank off Smith's Cove, near Digby, on the 4th, and that all on board were drowned.

Sgt. Temple, the Oklahoma outlaw, who shot and almost murdered Police Sergeant William Gibson, of St. Joseph, Mo., last May, was given a sentence of ten years in prison for the crime.

An engine hauling one baggage car and two coaches, carrying 40 Pittsburg miners to take the places of strikers, arrived at Ziegler, Ill., on the 3d, escorted by 20 armed guards.

A dispatch from Russian sources, on the 5th, said that the Japanese attacked the Russian position at An-Shan-Shan (midway between Hai-Cheng and Liao Yang), on the 2d, and were repulsed with heavy loss. The Russian casualties are not known.

While teaching a party of little girls how to swim, Michael Reilly and seven of his pupils were drowned off a sandbar in the Mississippi river at the foot of Washington street, in Alton, Ill., on the 5th.

By a comparison of notes it transpires that Mrs. M. B. Lichty, of Morrill, Kas.; Mrs. Jas. Stickle, of Hadonka, Kas.; and E. J. Dair, of Salt Lake City, Utah, sisters, each gave birth to a daughter on the same day.

The London Times learns from a trustworthy correspondent that the officers of the Russian intelligence department who examined the British steamer Malacca, after her seizure, offered her captain £2,000 if he would declare there was contraband aboard the vessel.

A St. Petersburg dispatch of the 5th says: "According to the latest advices from Liao Yang, the Japanese have renewed the attack all along the line and the Russians have been driven back into their main intrenchments."

The fly-wheel of a 75 horse-power engine in the plant of the Johnson Tin-Foil Co., St. Louis, burst while running, on the 4th, instantly killing Franz Gamache, assistant engineer, and breaking the left leg of George Neumann.

St. Louis weather for the month of July, as has been the case for the last several years, was cool and pleasant, comparing most favorably with the summer climate of northern and eastern states. The average temperature for the month was 67.9.

A bulletin, issued on the 4th, by the physicians attending the duchess of Marlborough, who was considerably bruised and shaken by being thrown from her horse while riding in Blenheim park, on the 1st, said that she was not so well.

Fire, which broke out on the 5th, in the old Pacific hotel at Kendrick, Idaho, destroyed the whole business part of the city and many residences. Thirty-six business houses and 20 residences were burned; loss, \$250,000.

At a meeting of the Bloomington (Ill.) Street Car Men's union, on the 5th, it was decided to call off the strike on the lines of the Bloomington & Normal Railway Electric & Heating Co., which has been in progress since January 1.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Noted Missourian Dead.

Judge Thomas Holladay died at his home at Fredericktown, aged 71. Judge Holladay was born in Madison county. He was married to Anna Allen in 1864, who survives him. Before his marriage he taught school. After his marriage he was elected probate judge of Madison county, and held this office for four years. He was then elected circuit clerk for four years. He was then elected state auditor, and served as such for four years. During President Cleveland's first term Judge Holladay was appointed auditor in the treasury department, and held this position for four years. On his return to Fredericktown he was elected county attorney of Madison county. He was a member of the A. O. U. W.

Shortest Term Is Two Years.

A ruling has just been made by Circuit Judge James E. Hazell in relation to sentences imposed upon youthful culprits sending them to the training school for boys at Booneville. Judge Hazell declared that he had found the statute placing the minimum sentence at one year had been repealed and a two-year term substituted. It is said that in numerous instances the one-year term has prevailed even since the change in the statute, and if this be the case an interesting point in law will be raised, as to whether the offenders so sentenced and who have entered upon the service of such sentence can be given an additional year of time before being liberated.

Farmer Shoots Belled Buzzard.

James Burd, a farmer living several miles south of Meta, shot a buzzard. On examining the bird he found a small bell attached to its neck by a small leather collar. The buzzard seemed to be a very old specimen, and, judging from the weather-beaten collar, the bell had been placed around the bird's neck many years ago. Old settlers near claim the buzzard was noticed in the northern part of this state several years ago, where it attracted much attention.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Complying with the request of the state department, Admiral Sigbee, at San Juan, has been directed to dispatch a war vessel to Monte Christi, San Domingo. This was done at the suggestion of Mr. Dawson, the American minister to San Domingo, and the inference is that trouble is impending in that country.

A bomb thrown into a crowd of Italians in East One Hundred and Fifty-first street, New York, injured a score or more persons, and led to the arrest of Vincenzo Donetto, who for some time has terrorized residents of the Italian districts and extorted money from them by threats and acts of violence.

All the labor unions in Chicago have endorsed the stock yards strike. The Chicago Federation of Labor, which is composed of every labor organization in Chicago, and has a membership of nearly 300,000, adopted resolutions, on the 7th, pledging the moral and financial support of the federal body.

The London Times correspondent at Tokio, under date of August 7, says that the Japanese have captured commanding positions north and northeast of Port Arthur at a distance of 2,750 yards from the main line of Russian defense.

An official report received at St. Petersburg from Lieut.-Gen. T. Stoessel, commanding the military forces at Port Arthur, says that the Japanese were repulsed with tremendous loss in a three days' fight from July 26 to July 28.

The British expedition to Tibet is camped a mile from the sacred mountain of Potala, on which is situated the Dalai Lama's palace, and in the immediate vicinity of the Dalai Lama's private gardens.

During a riot near Swift's packing plant, in Kansas City, Mo., on the 6th, John J. Willis, a non-union negro, employed at Swift's, fired five shots into a crowd, wounding three men, one seriously.

The freighter City of Berlin, with about 3,000 tons of iron on board, collided with an unknown boat in the Detroit river, north of Belle Isle, on the 7th, and sank. The crew was taken ashore.

Fire, on the 6th, destroyed the City hotel and five business houses at Glendale, Ia. A. W. Hobbs and his brother, who were sleeping at the hotel, lost their lives.

President Roosevelt has declined to interfere in the case of John W. Burley, a negro, confined in the jail of the District of Columbia under sentence of death for the crime of criminal assault, the victim having been a little girl 4 1/2 years old.

A clerk in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad office at St. Louis, while checking freight cars in the yards, on the 7th, found in a car the body of a man, apparently 25 years of age, who had been dead for at least a week.

The advisory board of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Union of North America, at a meeting on the 8th, decided to order a strike in New York and vicinity. Between 3,000 and 4,000 men will be called out.

Fire in the five story building at Nos. 251-257 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y., on the 8th, caused a loss estimated at \$400,000, and for a time threatened the Academy of Music next door, where a play was being produced.

The mayor of Milwaukee has been invited to select a young lady to christen the protected cruiser to be named after that city, and which will be launched September 10 at the Union Iron works, San Francisco.

Gen. Wade, commanding the Philippine division has cabled the war department that the newspaper reports that 50 Filipinos were massacred at Malabang about May 12, were entirely without foundation.

Sam S. Wright, of Tipton, Ia., who bolted his instructions at St. Louis in order to second the nomination of Judge Parker for president, has been bounced from the notification committee.

East-bound Vandalia passenger No. 21 struck a broken rail at Plainfield, Ill., on the 8th, and five cars left the track and were burned. Several passengers were injured, but none killed.

A cloudburst in Fisher canyon, three miles north of Trinidad, Col., on the 7th, caused the loss of two lives and flooded mines and other property in and adjacent to the canyon.

An attempt was made, on the 8th, to wreck the Atlantic express on the Union Pacific railroad at Ahwah station, between Rock Springs and Green River, Wyo.

The heaviest earthquake which New Zealand has experienced in many years, occurred, on the 7th, at 10:22 o'clock.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Noted Missourian Dead.

Judge Thomas Holladay died at his home at Fredericktown, aged 71. Judge Holladay was born in Madison county. He was married to Anna Allen in 1864, who survives him. Before his marriage he taught school. After his marriage he was elected probate judge of Madison county, and held this office for four years. He was then elected circuit clerk for four years. He was then elected state auditor, and served as such for four years. During President Cleveland's first term Judge Holladay was appointed auditor in the treasury department, and held this position for four years. On his return to Fredericktown he was elected county attorney of Madison county. He was a member of the A. O. U. W.

Shortest Term Is Two Years.

A ruling has just been made by Circuit Judge James E. Hazell in relation to sentences imposed upon youthful culprits sending them to the training school for boys at Booneville. Judge Hazell declared that he had found the statute placing the minimum sentence at one year had been repealed and a two-year term substituted. It is said that in numerous instances the one-year term has prevailed even since the change in the statute, and if this be the case an interesting point in law will be raised, as to whether the offenders so sentenced and who have entered upon the service of such sentence can be given an additional year of time before being liberated.

Farmer Shoots Belled Buzzard.

James Burd, a farmer living several miles south of Meta, shot a buzzard. On examining the bird he found a small bell attached to its neck by a small leather collar. The buzzard seemed to be a very old specimen, and, judging from the weather-beaten collar, the bell had been placed around the bird's neck many years ago. Old settlers near claim the buzzard was noticed in the northern part of this state several years ago, where it attracted much attention.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Complying with the request of the state department, Admiral Sigbee, at San Juan, has been directed to dispatch a war vessel to Monte Christi, San Domingo. This was done at the suggestion of Mr. Dawson, the American minister to San Domingo, and the inference is that trouble is impending in that country.

A bomb thrown into a crowd of Italians in East One Hundred and Fifty-first street, New York, injured a score or more persons, and led to the arrest of Vincenzo Donetto, who for some time has terrorized residents of the Italian districts and extorted money from them by threats and acts of violence.

All the labor unions in Chicago have endorsed the stock yards strike. The Chicago Federation of Labor, which is composed of every labor organization in Chicago, and has a membership of nearly 300,000, adopted resolutions, on the 7th, pledging the moral and financial support of the federal body.

The London Times correspondent at Tokio, under date of August 7, says that the Japanese have captured commanding positions north and northeast of Port Arthur at a distance of 2,750 yards from the main line of Russian defense.

An official report received at St. Petersburg from Lieut.-Gen. T. Stoessel, commanding the military forces at Port Arthur, says that the Japanese were repulsed with tremendous loss in a three days' fight from July 26 to July 28.

The British expedition to Tibet is camped a mile from the sacred mountain of Potala, on which is situated the Dalai Lama's palace, and in the immediate vicinity of the Dalai Lama's private gardens.

During a riot near Swift's packing plant, in Kansas City, Mo., on the 6th, John J. Willis, a non-union negro, employed at Swift's, fired five shots into a crowd, wounding three men, one seriously.

The freighter City of Berlin, with about 3,000 tons of iron on board, collided with an unknown boat in the Detroit river, north of Belle Isle, on the 7th, and sank. The crew was taken ashore.

Fire, on the 6th, destroyed the City hotel and five business houses at Glendale, Ia. A. W. Hobbs and his brother, who were sleeping at the hotel, lost their lives.

President Roosevelt has declined to interfere in the case of John W. Burley, a negro, confined in the jail of the District of Columbia under sentence of death for the crime of criminal assault, the victim having been a little girl 4 1/2 years old.

A clerk in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad office at St. Louis, while checking freight cars in the yards, on the 7th, found in a car the body of a man, apparently 25 years of age, who had been dead for at least a week.

The advisory board of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Union of North America, at a meeting on the 8th, decided to order a strike in New York and vicinity. Between 3,000 and 4,000 men will be called out.

Fire in the five story building at Nos. 251-257 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y., on the 8th, caused a loss estimated at \$400,000, and for a time threatened the Academy of Music next door, where a play was being produced.

The mayor of Milwaukee has been invited to select a young lady to christen the protected cruiser to be named after that city, and which will be launched September 10 at the Union Iron works, San Francisco.

Gen. Wade, commanding the Philippine division has cabled the war department that the newspaper reports that 50 Filipinos were massacred at Malabang about May 12, were entirely without foundation.

Sam S. Wright, of Tipton, Ia., who bolted his instructions at St. Louis in order to second the nomination of Judge Parker for president, has been bounced from the notification committee.

East-bound Vandalia passenger No. 21 struck a broken rail at Plainfield, Ill., on the 8th, and five cars left the track and were burned. Several passengers were injured, but none killed.

A cloudburst in Fisher canyon, three miles north of Trinidad, Col., on the 7th, caused the loss of two lives and flooded mines and other property in and adjacent to the canyon.

An attempt was made, on the 8th, to wreck the Atlantic express on the Union Pacific railroad at Ahwah station, between Rock Springs and Green River, Wyo.

The heaviest earthquake which New Zealand has experienced in many years, occurred, on the 7th, at 10:22 o'clock.

ALL LABOR UNIONS INDORSE STRIKE

Chicago Federation of Labor Pledges Moral and Financial Support.

WILL FIGHT TO THE END

Every Union Man in Chicago Will Be Assessed a Small Sum Weekly to Help Support Strikers and Their Families.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—All the labor unions in Chicago have endorsed the stock yards strike. After listening to the strikers' side of the controversy, which was presented to them by Michael J. Donnelly, president of the striking Butchers' union, the Chicago Federation of Labor, which is composed of every labor organization in Chicago, and has a membership of nearly 300,000, adopted resolutions Sunday night, pledging the moral and financial support of the federated body as long as the strike continues. Each member of the central body will be assessed a small sum per week, and the whole amount will be turned over to the striking unions to help in the support of the strikers and their families during the struggle with the packers. The exact amount each member is to be assessed was left in the hands of a committee, with orders to report results Monday. While the officials of the Federation of Labor were unable to give an exact estimate of the amount of money the strikers would secure from this source, it was stated that the total sum would be well up in the thousands each week.

After a fight which lasted for nearly four weeks, a settlement of the stock yards strike seems to be as remote as at any time since the struggle for supremacy began. Neither side to the conflict, during all this time, has shown any signs of weakening.

Few Skilled Men at Work.

The packers, while claiming that they will soon have their affairs in normal condition again, so successfully have they been in securing non-union men, still admit that so far they have been able to get but 550 of their old employees back, and that the majority of their men are unskilled workers.

In the last statement given out by the packers it was said that nearly half as many men were at work now as before the strike began. These men have been brought to Chicago from all parts of the country, the majority of them having never seen a meat packing plant before coming here. With these men, the packers have succeeded in accomplishing a great deal of work, but according to the strikers, every animal that has been slaughtered since the strike was called has been at a financial loss to the packers, as in the majority of cases a lack of skilled workmen has made it impossible to operate the by-product departments, and this course of revenue, which, under normal conditions, is a clear profit to the packers, has been allowed to go to waste.

No Sign of a Break.

Last week the packers were figuring on a break in the ranks of the strikers when work was resumed Monday morning, but there was nothing Sunday night that would indicate that the men were even considering such a step, or that they had any idea of surrendering Monday or at any future time. According to Michael J. Donnelly, president of the Butchers' union, the organization which precipitated the strike, the strikers are in a better position than they were on July 12, the day the original strike was called.

"During the four weeks that the strike has been in force," said Mr. Donnelly, "there has been less than two hundred desertions from the various unions whose members have joined the struggle for living wages, and not one of these workmen who have gone back to the packers is a skilled worker."

"To offset these desertions, our men have secured at least twice that number of new recruits from the men the packers have brought to Chicago to take the strikers' places. From a dispute between the packers and butcher workmen, the strike has spread into a struggle between organized capital and labor, but there are not enough men and women on this continent to break this strike, despite the assertions of the packers that they have nearly all the workmen they require, and that their business is about back to its normal basis. I have received assurances from the most powerful labor organizations throughout the United States that they are with us in this fight, and are only waiting to have representatives from our union sent before them and make the request, when contributions to our financial support will be freely made. Under these circumstances, there is nothing for us to fear."

THE CITY OF BERLIN SINKS

River Steamer Collides With an Unknown Boat and Goes to the Bottom.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 8.—The freighter City of Berlin, with about 3,000 tons of iron ore on board, collided with an unknown boat in the Detroit river, north of Belle Isle, Sunday night, and sank. The crew was taken ashore. There was no loss of life, as far as can be learned. The boat was owned in Detroit.

Rumors are Unfounded.

Caracas, Venezuela, Aug. 6.—Delayed in transmission.—A cablegram received here from Bogota, dated August 4 and signed by Gen. Rafael Reyes, says that the rumors that a revolution has broken out or is contemplated are false.

Fire at Ottaville.

Ottaville, Mo., Aug. 8.—A fire, starting Sunday morning in the general merchandise store of C. A. Everett, completely destroyed the building and contents.

TO VISIT THE PRESIDENT

Party of Filipino and Igorrote Chiefs on Way to Washington.

It is said they will wear American Garments When They Call at the White House.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The announcement that a party of Filipino chiefs were on their way to Washington caused a great commotion here. Col. Edwards early sought an interview with Secretary Taft, and they agreed that an official statement should be issued to counteract the effects of the unwelcome advertising which had been given to the event of the Filipinos' visit. Accordingly the following was given out:

"The visit of the chiefs of the Moros and chiefs of the Igorrotes to the president is made at the request of these chiefs. The war department advised the president to receive them, on the ground that there were in the Philippines about 400,000 Moros and about 50,000 Igorrotes; that the desire of the chiefs to see the president was natural, and exactly like that of the Indian chiefs, who are constantly received at the White House by the president as the great white father. The Igorrotes in their natural state wear very little clothing, but whenever they visit the governor in Manila or attend upon the governor when he visits them in their own province, they wear ordinary clothing, and they will do so when they visit the White House, just as they are in the habit of doing when they visit the authorities in Manila."

The reception at the White House will be the same as that accorded to the ordinary visitor. The president will simply greet them and exchange a few words with them, but they probably will not be invited to luncheon. They will arrive here on an early morning train Tuesday, and will leave the next day.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

Station Agent at Ahwah, Wyo., Probably Prevented a Terrible Catastrophe.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 9.—An attempt was made to wreck the Atlantic express on the Union Pacific railroad at Ahwah station, between Rock Springs and Green River, Monday.

John Utley, station agent at Ahwah, noticing that lights of the switch were turned in the wrong way, started to fix them, when he was fired at from the dark and wounded in the arm. Utley fell to the ground, and the would-be train wreckers fled. Utley managed to get to the station and called up Wilkins, the next station west. The Atlantic express was flagged there, and the wreck and the probable hold-up was thus prevented.

BIG FIRE IN BUFFALO, N. Y.

Large Five-Story Building Destroyed—Loss is Estimated at \$400,000.

Buffalo, Aug. 9.—Fire in the five-story building at Nos. 251-257 Main street, Monday afternoon, caused a loss estimated at \$400,000, and for a time threatened the Academy of Music next door, where a play was being produced. Assistant Fire Chief Murphy went to the Academy stage, informed the audience that a building near by was ablaze, but assured them there was no danger. He then asked the people to leave the theater. Exits were thrown open and the crowd fled out.

The origin of the fire is a mystery.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND

Many Public Buildings Were Seriously Damaged—No Loss of Life Reported.

Wellington, N. Z., Aug. 9.—The heaviest earthquake which New Zealand has experienced in many years occurred at 10:22 o'clock Monday morning.

Several public buildings were seriously damaged, and private firms also suffered heavy losses.

The shock was general on both islands.

No loss of life has been reported.

WRECK AT PLAINFIELD, ILL.

East-bound V